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(57) Abstract: A device implantable into a human or animal body comprising a biodegradable polymer which comprises ethylene carbonate units of the formula A -(C(O)-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-) having an ethylene carbonate content of 70 to 100 Mol%, an intrinsic viscosity of 0.4 to 4.0 dl/g measured in chloroform at 20°C at a concentration of 1 g/dl and a glass transition temperature of from 5 to 50°C, degradable by surface erosion which is governed by a non-hydrolytic mechanism.